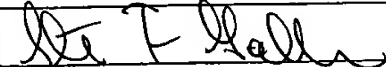


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	Examiner Name	Joseph F. Murphy
	Title	"Screening For Drugs That Affect TNF Receptor Releasing Enzyme"

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated September 26, 2002 (Paper No. 10), for which a response is due December 26, 2002. Accompanying this paper is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of time, along with authorization to charge the Deposit Account for the requisite fee. This sets the deadline to March 26, 2003. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the analysis in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

33. (Currently amended) A method of screening substances for an ability to affect ~~TRRE~~ TNF receptor releasing activity, comprising:

a) incubating TNF receptor or cells expressing TNF receptor with the substance and with a an isolated polypeptide that causes TNF receptor to be cleaved in the absence of the substance;

b) measuring any TNF receptor cleaved; and